

BENEDICT ARNOLD RELIC.

An Anchor Recovered from the Quebec Expedition.

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Those of us interested in early American history, whether absorbed at school or acquired by amateur reading, recall Benedict Arnold, his brilliancy and treason, perhaps more vividly than almost any prominent figure of the Revolution.

The students of those times recall that Washington sent him with 1,100 soldiers on the ill-fated expedition to Quebec in 1775 by the way of the Kennebec and through the forests of Maine. Two miles below Gardiner, in Colburn's yard, his command halted long enough to construct 200 bateaux, with which he proposed to transport troops and supplies through the Northern waters.

A week ago J. Rafter and Abbot Lord, Gardiner business men that fish the river for sport, brought up in their great sturgeon net, directly opposite where the bateaux were built, an anchor, or grapnel, which is undoubtedly a genuine Arnold relic. The stock is some four feet long, and carries five curved arms welded to its base. It was evidently fashioned of wrought iron over an anvil.

These anchors were thrown out ahead of the bateaux, by which means they were pulled through rapids and swift water. For 129 years the anchor remained in the waters of the Kennebec, to now come to light, a mute but eloquent reminder of the man who betrayed his country.
